

Beginning of Hurricane Season



- » Review homeowners & flood insurance policies
- » Perform a home inventory; videotape or take photographs of interior and exterior of home
- » Clear rain gutters and downspouts
- » Make a plan for your pet (s)
- » Develop a Family Disaster Plan
- » Gather information about potential hazards
- » Meet with your family to create a disaster plan
- » Implement your plan

Vegetation:

- » All cutting of vegetation should have taken place prior to June 1

Before the Storm



If you've decided to remain in your home:

- » Prepare to cover all windows and doors with shutters, plywood or other shielding materials
- » Fuel and service family vehicles
- » Bring in light-weight objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys and lawn furniture
- » Keep your disaster supply kit nearby

During the Storm



When located in a warning area keep on hand in case of evacuation:

- » A 3-day supply of water (min. one-gallon per person, per day)
- » Food that will not spoil
- » 2-3 changes of clothing and shoes per person
- » Prescription medicines and medical supplies
- » One blanket or sleeping bag and pillow per person
- » First-aid kit
- » Battery-powered portable radio
- » Emergency tools; flashlight (extra batteries)
- » Extra set of car keys; credit card or cash
- » Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
- » Documents: driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, will, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.



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1680 AM

and local radio or TV to keep abreast of
changing weather and other conditions

After the Storm



Be Careful - there are many hazards after a storm:

- » Do not attempt to drive across flowing water; as little as 6" of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle - 2 feet of water will carry most cars away
- » Stay away from standing water; it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines
- » Do not allow children to play in flooded areas, they could drown or be injured in areas that appear safe
- » If someone needs to be rescued, call professionals who will have the right equipment to help; many people have been killed or injured trying to rescue others in flooded areas
- » Have professionals check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage
- » Use a flashlight for emergency lighting; never use candles or other flammable products indoors
- » Use tap water for drinking and cooking only when local officials say it is safe to do so
- » Turn off propane tanks
- » Unplug small appliances, computer, etc.
- » Driving is extremely hazardous with storm debris on the roads. Drive slowly and approach all intersections with extreme caution.

Tropical Depression

A tropical wave with a counter-clockwise circulation that has sustained winds of up to 38 mph

Tropical Storm Warning

Sustained winds of 39-73 mph are expected within 24 hours or less

Hurricane Watch

First notice; the hurricane may threaten an area within 36 hours. You should begin preliminary preparations to protect life or property

Hurricane Warning

Issued when the eye of a hurricane is expected to strike within 24 hours. All precaution preparations should be completed

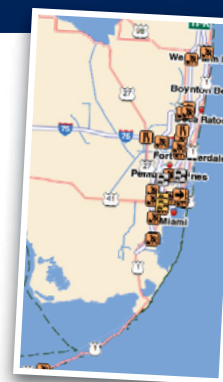
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PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HURRICANE

SAFETY TIPS

Preparedness is essential, and Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw and the members of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office would like to ensure you and your family's safety during the 2009 Hurricane Season. General information published throughout this guide will help you and your family become better prepared for any related hurricane situation. The information below provides guidelines that are the most critical to our operation and will make after-the-storm activities and assistance easier both for the public and the Sheriff's Office. If you need additional information, please refer to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office website at www.pbso.org or call 688-3000.

After the Storm

Help the Sheriff's Office Serve You Better

- » **Limit 911 calls to real emergencies only!** Calls for all power and telephone outages or other utility problems, should be reported to the county Emergency Operations Center at 561-712-6400 or 1-800-342-3557 during the time the center is activated. You will then be directed to the appropriate agency.
- » **Avoid** downed power lines and always assume they are live.
- » **Drive only if absolutely necessary.** Avoid night driving at all costs if power is out. If you must drive, **USE CAUTION!** Carpool with neighbors to reduce traffic. **DO NOT GO SIGHT-SEEING!**
- » **If traffic lights are down** or out, treat all intersections as four-way stops and **YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.** Look for temporary street signs to guide you.
- » **Obey all issued curfews and emergency orders**
- » **Continuously monitor local TV and radio stations.**
- » **If evacuated,** return home only when local officials tell you to. Avoid all disaster areas.
- » **Check on and help your neighbors.** Advise **CONCERNED PARTIES** that you are safe.